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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S MEETING WITH ROC
MINISTER OF FINANCE, K.T. LI

1. MINISTER OF FINANCE K.T. LI ACCOMPANIED BY FORMER
AMBASSADOR P.N. CHEN, ADVISER TO THE ROC DELEGATIONS TO
THE IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS, AND ROC EMBASSY ECONOMIC
MINISTER MARTIN WONG MET WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON
SEPTEMBER 26.

2. DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH A WIDE-RANGING REVIEW OF ROC'S
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND PROSPECTS, IN COURSE OF WHICH
DEPUTY SECRETARY ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF ROC-GOJ CIVIL
DISPUTE IN LIGHT OF RECENT FUNADA VISIT. LI SAID THAT
FUNADA PERSONALLY TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD NOT ATTEMPTED TO
DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. LI ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD BE
DIFFICULT FOR ROC TO CHANGE ITS POSITION AND THAT FURTHER
MOVES WERE UP TO THE JAPANESE.

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3. LI TURNED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHALLENGE TO CONTINUED ROC PARTICIPATION IN THE IMF/IBRD ARISING AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ASKED FOR CONTINUED US SUPPORT. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED, STATED THAT WE HAD NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD, AND REASSURED THE CHINESE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR REFERRAL OF THE MATTER TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

4. IN FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH EA/ROC, WONG STRESSED THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE IN THE EVENT THE CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE WAS RAISED. THE COMMITTEE WOULD MOST LIKELY DECIDE WHETHER THE ISSUE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OR PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR FLOOR DISCUSSION. WONG ASKED FOR US SUPPORT TO ASSURE THAT COMMITTEE WOULD OPT FOR REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. WE TOLD WONG THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF STRATEGY OF REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND THAT OUR DELEGATION WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH ROC'S AT ANNUAL MEETING TOWARD THAT GOAL.

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